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Observatory Records Saved From Flames

Melbourne, Feb. 5. Australian scientists, defying an order to quit today, saved valuable astronomical records from raging bush-fires which did an estimated £100,000 damage at Mount Stromlo Observatory, Canberra.

Roaring fires from grazing country had ripped across tinder-dry grass into the pine forest of Mount Stromlo, where Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh were to have gone riding during their coming tour, and in two hours it reached the Observatory buildings.

Tonight, Dr R. Woolley, the Commonwealth Astronomer, said that damage to equipment was likely to be about £A50,000, with another £A50,000 for buildings.

Dr Woolley described the workshops lost as some of the finest of their kind in the world. Optical instruments destroyed were likely to take at least two years to replace.

GOVT HOUSE ESCAPES

Canberra police said that the blaze had burnt out the Observatory but other reports said that the part of the Observatory housing telescopes and other astronomical instruments was apparently unharmed.

The fires also reached to within a few hundred yards of Government House grounds, Yarralumla, but the wind changed and a thunderstorm of rain and hail smothered the flames.

A late report tonight said that 11 people had been injured, some seriously burned, and 20 homes, a church and a post office destroyed in Victoria.

In New South Wales, thousands of sheep and cattle were killed and maimed by the fires.

Late tonight the wind which was driving the fire towards Gisborne changed and the hamlet is now out of danger.

A man and his wife were killed in a collision while driving through a fire burning across a country road. — Reuters.

BRITAIN'S KOREAN POLICY UNCHANGED

Lyttelton & HK Visit

London, Feb. 5. Mr Oliver Lyttelton, the Colonial Secretary, will be asked in the House of Commons on Thursday when he will make a statement on his recent visit to Hongkong.

The question has been put down by Mr Montgomery Hyde, who visited Hongkong, Japan and Korea during the parliamentary recess. — Our Own Correspondent.

Damages For Mental Disturbance

London, Feb. 5. Ronald Austin, aged 25, of Wembley Park, was awarded £100 damages and costs against the London Transport in the King's Bench Division today because he saw his bride-to-be injured in a road crash.

The accident occurred at Ewell, Surrey, in July, 1950, when a car driven by Austin was in collision with a bus.

Miss Lena Bennett, a passenger in the car, was injured. When she recovered she and Austin were married.

The judge said today: "Austin suffered no physical injury but he explained to me in evidence the mental disturbance and shock which he had suffered primarily from seeing his bride being seriously injured." — Reuters.

Avalanche Falls On Village

Geneva, Feb. 5. An avalanche crashed down today on the little village of Riemsstalden, six miles south of Schwyz, damaging the church, the school and the inn. No casualties were reported. — Reuters.

Attlee Pledges Opposition Support For Government

CENSURE MOTION AGAINST PRIME MINISTER

London, Feb. 5. The Labour Opposition today renewed its support for the country's 12-year-old bi-partisan foreign policy, after Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, had reassured them that Britain's Korean policy remained unchanged.

Earlier, in the House of Commons, the Labour leader, Mr Clement Attlee, had declared that Britain should not lend support to the suggestion of a blockade of the Chinese mainland—"a perfectly futile operation", as Mr Attlee put it.

Though renewing its support of Britain's bi-partisan foreign policy, the Opposition—unconvinced by explanations of the recent talks which Mr Winston Churchill had in Washington—tabled a motion censuring the Prime Minister for failure to interpret Britain's policy adequately to the Americans.

Challenged by Labour members to clarify Mr Churchill's assurance to Congress of "prompt, resolute and effective" action if a Korean truce were broken, Mr Eden insisted that the only commitment which Mr Churchill had made was for "consultation among the interested powers, including Britain."

Labour's surprise move came after a meeting of the Party's Parliamentary Committee while a two-day foreign affairs debate, opened by Mr Eden, went on in the House.

The Labour motion, which does not amount to a censure of the Government as a whole, will be voted on tomorrow after Mr Churchill has replied to the debate.

The Conservative Government, with an overall majority of 15 in the House, is not considered to be in any real danger of defeat on the motion.

But Mr Churchill, who is certain to regard it as a personal challenge, may decide to intervene early in tomorrow's debate instead of winding it up, as he had planned.

The Labour motion reads: "That this House takes note of the Foreign Secretary's statement, welcomes his observance to policy followed by His Majesty's previous Administration with regard to the Korean conflict and relations between Great Britain and China, but regrets the Prime Minister's failure to give adequate explanation to this policy in the course of his recent visit to the United States."

THE SPONSORS
The motion was tabled after a private meeting, lasting nearly 90 minutes, of the Labour Party's Parliamentary Committee which consists of Mr Attlee and about a dozen other leading Party members.

In addition to Mr Attlee two others sponsoring the motion are Mr Herbert Morrison, the last Foreign Minister, and Mr Kenneth Younger, who was Deputy Foreign Minister in the Labour government which Mr Churchill and his Party ousted in the general elections last year.

When he spoke in the House of Commons debate today Mr Attlee said that everyone had been struck by the different tone of the "no commitment" statement Mr Churchill had made to the House last week and the speech he had made to the American Congress when he had gone to the United States to meet President Truman.

(While he was in America Mr Churchill said that action would be "prompt, resolute and effective" if a Korean truce was breached.)

Mr Attlee said: "It may be good salesmanship but I do not think it is good statesmanship." "In America the speech made by the Prime Minister was interpreted as being a sharp change of policy."

"When he comes back here he makes a speech in an entirely different key and tells us that there has been no change whatever," Mr Attlee said.

"UNFORTUNATE"
Mr Attlee said he thought it was unfortunate that the Prime Minister went out of his way in his speech to Congress to deal with the most difficult point of the whole question of a Far East settlement "in order to say what we would all agree that the Chinese Nationalists in Formosa should not be left to be massacred by the Communists."

When Mr Churchill asked: "You agree with that?" Mr

Hero Arrives Home



Private Bill Speakman, VC hero of Korea, recently arrived in England to be invested with his decoration by the King. Picture shows Speakman, who is 6 ft 6 in tall, being escorted by two officers across the aerodrome at Lunham, Wiltshire after his arrival from Korea.

Russian Escapes From Embassy

Stockholm, Feb. 6. A burly Russian refugee fought his way out of the Russian Embassy today and ran wildly through the streets pursued by two men in a Soviet Embassy car until he was taken into custody by the Swedish police for questioning.

The refugee, a huge woodcutter, was being interrogated late today by the espionage section.

The Police refused to give his name or to release any details about the alleged kidnapping attempt.

The refugee, however, told his story to a Swedish civilian before the Police came for him. Just before this the refugee was running so fast that he knocked over the civilian, Nils Wiklund, a technician employed by a company. Then the refugee turned back to Wiklund and shouted: "They are after me. Can you save me? Can you phone the Police?"

The man was shown to a telephone and he called the Police. While waiting for them he told Wiklund that a man whom he had never seen before had asked him to go along and have a look at his "apartment."

As soon as he entered the building he became suspicious and when he noticed the word "Soviet" in big letters written on the wall he decided to leave immediately. He was in the Soviet Embassy, — United Press.

5 KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

March Air Base, California, Feb. 5. Five fliers were reported killed today and six were injured when a B-29 medium bomber hit a house near here and exploded.

Five injured men were taken to hospital.

Whether anyone was in the house at the time was not immediately known. The crash took place as the plane came in for a landing after a routine flight.

The Air Rescue Service reported that it carried a full crew of 11. The scene was on the outskirts of the town of Perris, a farming community of about 2,000 persons a few miles south of here. — Reuters.

WIFE MURDERER SENTENCED

London, Feb. 5. Herbert Roy Harris, a 23-year-old, twice worker of Queen's Avenue, Flint, was at the Flintshire Assizes today sentenced to death for murdering his wife, Ellen, aged 22.

The body of Mrs Harris, mother of three children, was found on a railway bridge near Flint on December 8. The jury made a strong recommendation for mercy. — Reuters.

Canal Zone Situation

Relaxing Of Security Restrictions

Ismailla, Feb. 5. The British authorities today began the first stage of what they hope will be a progressive plan to relax the stringent security restrictions on the movement of civilians in the Suez Canal Zone.

But a military spokesman said that any large-scale lifting of the restrictions which in the past four months have transformed the Zone into an armed camp will not be put into effect until the Egyptian authorities show "by deeds rather than words" that they really mean to maintain law and order.

Under today's "Stage 1" relaxation, British road blocks and check-points will no longer search individuals passing to and from the Zone and the daily "ration" of oil tankers—hitherto restricted to 20 a day out of Suez—will be raised to 100.

Meanwhile the main problem confronting the British Headquarters is the morale of thousands of British troops forced to live in uncomfortable and overcrowded conditions.

All British Service personnel and civilian schoolteachers have been confined to heavily guarded "camps" during the hours of darkness—as long as 12 hours a day.

Even in daylight all Servicemen and women have armed escorts to move out of their barracks.

TRACKED DOWN

Egypt's Minister of the Interior, Mortada El Maraghy, said tonight that the authorities had tracked down "nearly all those responsible for the conspiracy of January 25," Cairo's day of rioting.

The Minister said that the inquiry was being speeded up and "several hundred" had been arrested. They will be charged under martial law with murder, arson and looting.

The best known figure among those arrested is Ahmad Husain, leader of the Egyptian Socialist Party and one of the Commanders of the "Liberation battalions," now taken over by the Government.

Maraghy, Rey, the youngest Minister in Dr Aly Maher Fawzi's Cabinet, told a press conference: "The Government is ready to shoulder its full responsibility. We shall spare no one found guilty—whether former Government officials or members of the police force." — Reuters.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

100 Million Slaves

BETWEEN Western Europe and Russia lie nine nations which are completely enslaved to Moscow. Taking them from northwest to southeast, they are Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Albania and Bulgaria. They represent a white European population of about 100 millions. The weak indulgence shown to Russia by the West (and not least by America), during the later war years and on the war's conclusion, allowed the Soviet, in addition to its large direct annexations elsewhere, to deprive of freedom the whole of these nine nations, every one of which enjoyed sovereignty and genuine independence between the two world wars. The techniques employed have varied. In the case of the three small Baltic States—Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania—their territories have been incorporated in Russia and their native inhabitants have in great numbers been transported to Central Asia. For the larger of the victim-peoples—the Poles, Rumanians, Hungarians and Czechoslovaks—such treatment was scarcely practicable. The plan there, as also in Bulgaria and Albania, has been to set up Governments of native Communists, ruling on Soviet lines, imposed and supported by the presence or the threat of Russian military force, and obedient to Moscow at every point. In form they remain independent countries, and as such some of them sit in the Assembly of United Nations; where together with the bogus States of the Ukraine and Byelo-Russia they constitute Russia's "satellites." These regimes are tyrannies of the grossest sort. They are intensely unpopular and, if Russian support were removed, would disappear overnight. The Russians are not unaware of this and their first anxiety is to prevent any of the six "sovietised" countries from following the example of Yugoslavia and repudiating Moscow's domination. Yugoslavia has been able to do what she has for two reasons—first that her

Communist head, Marshal Tito, had acquired such a strong personal footing, and secondly that she had a powerful army entirely under Yugoslav control. The Soviet Government watches both these points. It is constantly changing the governing personnel of the satellite countries. Communist leaders in the highest posts are after brief tenures dismissed (often with a sequel of prosecution for alleged treachery), and others are promoted in their places. This Russian nervousness is not unjustified. In any future war the satellites might prove a decisive factor. Thrown heavily on the Soviet's side, they would represent a vast manpower as well as a broad defensive belt. Transferred to the Western side, they might hamstring the communications of the Russian armies attacking Western Europe. In these circumstances the Russians are straining every nerve to keep them on their side. What, if anything, is being done in the opposite sense? Obviously the question admits of no complete answer. Any secret action, in which Britain might be engaged, would have to be left secret. But many of the most important forms of action must by their very nature be open such as the broadcasts of the BBC. With others again the difficulty is not to avert publicity from them but to give them enough of it. British people, while very familiar with the value of advertisement for commercial purposes, are seldom sufficiently alive to the importance of propaganda for political purposes, especially for foreign policy. The Russians make no such mistake, and the cleverness with which they propagandise in countries like France and Italy is matched only by their zeal to prevent counter-propaganda behind the Iron Curtain. In face of such a phenomenon nothing is more foolish than the attitude of folding our hands and saying disdainfully that we cannot compete. One sphere in which we cannot afford retrenchment is this.

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On the building up of the defences of Western Europe, Mr Attlee said: "We have held that there should not be anything which would be building up a new German army. We hold, too, that the forces of the Western Powers should be armed and strengthened first before there is an attempt to bring in German units."

Speaking of Anglo-American relations, Mr Attlee said: "Anybody who in any way seeks to stir up bad blood between the British people and the Americans or, indeed, between us and any of the other democratic forces is doing a bad service to the cause of world peace."

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Outspoken Views On Spain

"IKE" SAID TO
BE CRITICAL

Paris, Feb. 5.
General Dwight D. Eisenhower was quoted by an American labour leader today as saying that Spain does not have a free regime and would be kept out of the North Atlantic Treaty as long as he commands in Europe.

Officers at Gen. Eisenhower's Headquarters said the report could not be confirmed or denied since it concerned an off-the-record conversation.

The statement was reported to have been made at a luncheon for a group of European and American labour leaders at the General's Headquarters yesterday. One of the group, who asked that his name not be used, gave this account of the occasion:

After a detailed briefing on the organization of SHAPE, a buffet lunch was served for the 13-man Executive Committee of the International Confederation of Free Unions (ICFTU).

A group of five or six—including the informant—was conversing with Gen. Eisenhower.

He explained that in his opinion there were three factors in European defence—economic, military and moral. They are all equal value and the weakness of any one meant a weakness of the whole, he said.

A DEAL

French and British delegates suggested that the moral weakness of Western support for Generalissimo Franco's dictatorship weakened its position against the Soviet dictatorship.

General Eisenhower replied that you had to weigh whether the military advantages outweighed the moral loss. He described it in terms of a deal—you could get some things from Spain without putting it on the same level as NATO. He went on to say that the labour men were insinuating that Spain was already admitted or about to be admitted into NATO.

That was not true, Gen. Eisenhower was reported to have said with some vehemence, and it would not be true as long as he was Supreme Commander.

According to the informant, he went on to say that Spain does not have a free regime and that he had no particular love for that kind of regime. On the other hand, he was said to have described Spain as a minor danger that can be handled in time, not on the same level as the much greater danger from Soviet Russia.

Gen. Eisenhower was also said to have pointed out that the West is supporting Marshal Tito and to have expressed the opinion that there was no difference between the regimes of Spain and Yugoslavia from the point of view of freedom. Associated Press.

FAURE TO ASK FOR VOTE

Paris, Feb. 5.
The Premier, Edgar Faure, was authorised today to stake the life of his three-week-old Cabinet against a Socialist-supported plan to hitch wages to skyrocketing French prices. Opponents of the plan call it "built-in" inflation. It would push up wages.

A Cabinet meeting today decided that Mr. Faure ask for a vote of confidence on the sliding scale plan which he opposes. He prefers to cut prices rather than raise wages. Mr. Faure heads a middle-of-the-road coalition but often depends on the Socialists to retain power. Associated Press.

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HOPES INCREASE FOR ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL

Paris, Feb. 5.

The sixth General Assembly of the United Nations ended today, leaving the "cold war" slightly less frigid in one field and worsened in another.

The main accomplishment was in the breaking of the three-year-old deadlock in world disarmament. The Assembly set up a Disarmament Commission which has been promised new proposals both from America and Russia.

The Commission will meet in New York during the next few months, and diplomatic quarters here believe that the arena of disagreement on both disarmament and the control of atomic energy may be narrowed.

But diplomats here are considerably worried by the impromptu statement of the Soviet delegate, M. Jacob Malik, right at the end of the Assembly, that the third World War had already begun.

American officials have been studying this statement in the belief that the Soviet delegate might have unwittingly let slip an important indication of Soviet foreign policy.

They pay particular attention to reports that M. Malik appeared considerably embarrassed later when questioned on the full import of his statement.

"BIG FOUR" TALKS?

The other main achievements were:

1.—The day has been prepared for possible high-level meetings of the "Big Four" to deal with fundamental problems.

2.—The State of Libya has been given official sanction and some nations have pledged to help the "child of the United Nations" through its first years.

3.—Nearly a million Palestine refugees have been promised relief for at least another year.

4.—The United Nations has for the first time taken a part in the German problem by appointing a commission to supervise all German elections.

Although this commission is not expected to do much this year, its first effect is considered in diplomatic quarters to be of some help in making a chink in the German "Iron Curtain."

5.—The administering Powers in colonial areas have been definitely placed on the defensive as regards trust and non-self-governing territories. The pressure during the Assembly to bring the living conditions of subject peoples under closer international scrutiny.

RUSSIAN BLUNDERS
Many diplomats have noticed a weakening in the Soviet tactical skill in dealing with day-to-day Assembly affairs.

For the first time in the history of the United Nations, the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, was guilty of what was generally regarded as a major blunder when he told the world that he had "laughed all night" at a Western disarmament plan.

The Soviet Minister himself, it was noticed, had lost a good deal of his earlier fire and rolled more

HMS Spitful, second of four British submarines to be lent to the French Navy, was handed over to Capitaine Begouen-Demeaux at a ceremony at Gosport, England, recently. Picture shows the inspection of the French crew of the newly-acquired submarine. — Express Service.

Tunisian Reply To France

Tunis, Feb. 5.

The French Resident-General, M. Jean de Hautecloque, today received the Bay of Tunis reply to the French note of January 30, which asked for a mixed commission of Tunisians and French representatives to study the protectorate's home rule demands.

Bey Sidi Mohammed el Amin Fasha sent a note to the Resident-General by General Tahar Masouli, his director of protocol. A thousand young Arabs, marching four by four, proceeded peacefully through the heart of the capital to the Bay's Palace in the Kasbah which took five lives yesterday.

The Resident-General is not expected to make the Bay's reply public until after he has arrived in Paris, probably tomorrow, to discuss the situation with Government leaders.

The Tunisian Cabinet under Premier Mohammed Chenik and the Bey put the final touches to the note.

A Frenchwoman was beaten to death today by Arabs on the road two miles south of Tunis. Police said the woman was struck on the head with a shovel. Two other persons with her were seriously injured. — United Press.

ALPINISTS' SUCCESS

Buenos Aires, Feb. 5.

The French Alpine expedition led by M. Rene Ferret has climbed the hitherto unsealed 11,700-foot Mount Fitzroy, in the Southern Andes, after several attempts over the last five weeks.

Mountaineers have regarded Mount Fitzroy with its sheer granite faces rising almost vertically as one of the trickiest Alpine tests in the world.

The eight-man expedition had lost one of its number in a preliminary exploration prior to the final climb.

The Argentine Land Ministry announced that Jacques Foyat, 29, was carried away by the wild currents of the Fitzroy River when his rope broke as he was crossing it on Dec. 28 last year. His body was not recovered.

Wild storms checked the first attempt to climb the mountain on Jan. 25. It lies just north of the 50th Parallel in the desolate southern province of Santa Cruz, in the extreme tip of South America.

The climbers took with them 80 tubes of mustard as a means of preserving their appetite. — Reuter.

Unanimous Request

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Mrs. E. M. Wisdom sits on the bonnet of her Sunbeam-Talbot while her co-driver, Miss S. Van Damm, makes use of her compact at the Paris control point during the Monte Carlo Rally. The starting point of the two British women was Glasgow. — Express Service.

MYSTERY ITEM AT PANMUNJOM

Plenary Session Of Korea Truce Delegates

Munsan, Feb. 6.

All the United Nations and Communist truce delegates will today (Wednesday) meet in plenary session to begin discussions on the "mystery item" of the Korean agenda.

At 10 a.m. today the delegates will start to discuss the fifth and final item of the agenda — "recommendations to governments."

There is speculation that the Communists may use the occasion to name three neutral nations to a behind-the-lines armistice inspection programme.

Among the nations mentioned were India, Indonesia, Egypt and Iran — all key nations in the tug of war between the East and West. Previously the Communists had mentioned only such "neutrals" as Poland and Czechoslovakia.

The Communists are expected to view the discussions as a sounding board for the recent speeches made by the Russian Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, and to bring up at least three demands:

- 1.—The immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea.
- 2.—An immediate political peace conference to blueprint the political future of Korea.
- 3.—Re-establishment of the 38th Parallel as the political boundary between North and South Korea.

ADMISSION TO UN

The Communists may also demand the admission of Red China and North Korea into the United Nations immediately. Shortly before 10 a.m. Vice-Admiral Charles Turner Joy will lead the United Nations delegation into the southern entrance of the main conference tent. Subsequently, General Nam Il will bring his delegation in through the northern entrance.

Vice-Admiral Joy will then present the credentials of the two new United Nations delegates—Major-General William Harrison, former Deputy Commander of the Eighth Army, and Korean Major-General Yu Jai-heung. Nam Il will then be given the floor to submit a "draft of principles on Agenda Item 5 as the basis of discussions by the plenary session."

The statement is expected to overshadow at least for the day, the discussions of the armistice supervision terms and the prisoner of war discussions. Both groups marked time in the technical discussions yesterday.

SIGNS OF GIVING IN

In the armistice supervision discussions the Reds showed signs of giving in on the location and ports of entry issue. And in the prisoner discussions the Communists have agreed to consider several key points brought up by the United Nations.

Rear-Admiral R. E. Libby and Major-General Lee Song-cho will open the prisoner of war discussions 15 minutes after the close of the Item 5 plenary session. Staff officers discussing an armistice charter will meet after the plenary session to decide upon further meetings.

The full delegation meeting is expected to be short. It was called for 10 a.m. so as not to interfere with the meetings on an armistice charter and on prisoner of war exchange. "We are meeting on Wednesday with a completely open mind," said a United Nations spokesman, Brigadier-General William Nuckols.

Last Saturday an official communiqué claiming a truce between President Peron and the Argentine Socialists was denounced by a Socialist official a few hours after it had been issued.

The communiqué said that Socialist prisoners would be released and the Socialist organ, *La Vanguardia*, closed. In August, 1947, would be permitted to reappear. But later the Socialist Party's acting General Secretary, Senator Ramon Muniz, issued a letter addressed to Party members saying that the Party's attitude to the whole "totalitarian regime" remained unchanged.

It warned members against "misleading manoeuvres." The Socialist in prison on political charges are understood to number 20 or more. — Reuter.

TRUMAN SUFFERS A REBUFF

Washington, Feb. 6.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today failed to approve President Truman's nomination of Henry Byrnes as Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

The Chairman, Tom Connally, said that he would never vote to approve Mr. Byrnes, until the latter resigns his commission as a regular Army colonel. — United Press.

A PRINCESS AT PALACE DINNER



Princess Sibylla at the dinner given by King Gustav Adolf and Queen Louise of Sweden for members of the Swedish Parliament at the Royal Palace in Stockholm. — Express Service.

May Break Diplomatic Relations

U.S. CONSIDERING DRASTIC MOVE

Washington, Feb. 5. The State Department said today that it will take a new look at the question whether to shut down American Embassies and Legations in Russian satellite countries.

Top American diplomats to Iron Curtain countries will meet in Paris early next month to discuss this along with other problems.

The United States at present maintains embassies in Poland and Czechoslovakia and legations, headed by Ministers, in Rumania and Hungary.

Press Officer Michael J. McDermott confirmed at a news conference that the problem of whether to continue diplomatic relations has been placed on the Paris conference agenda.

In answering questions, he made it plain that the State Department under present conditions favours keeping these diplomatic outposts open to serve as "listening posts."

But he left open what the United States might do if Communist governments step up their campaign of restrictions and threats against American diplomats in Eastern Europe.

ENVOY'S SUGGESTION

Mr. McDermott, in reply to further questions, said he believes the forthcoming review has no special urgency.

But responsible State Department officials, who disclosed the development before Mr. McDermott talked about it, told a reporter that an American Embassy has proposed the shut-down.

Up to now the Department has endured Communist restrictions largely on the theory that such information as the diplomatic missions would provide about developments behind the Iron Curtain was better than no official contact at all.

It was understood that the idea to be discussed first is a plan to close down American diplomatic missions one at a time, and not simultaneously, as conditions demand.

The United States broke off diplomatic relations with Communist-run Bulgaria on Feb. 24, 1950. But this was done only after the Government there virtually forced the American Minister unacceptable on the ground that he was an American spy. — Associated Press.

Secret Report By Acheson

Washington, Feb. 5.

The Senate Armed Services Committee today got a bushy report from the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, on why the United States decided to pay Hungary \$120,000 for the release of four American fliers. The Committee heard Mr. Acheson behind closed doors. Senator Lyndon Johnson (Democrat, Texas), the acting chairman, said afterwards that the members would no doubt give consideration to the information provided. — Associated Press.

BOAC Makes A Profit

London, Feb. 5. The State-owned British Overseas Airways Corporation announced today that it had made a profit for the first year since it was founded in 1940.

During 1951 the BOAC made an operating profit of £641,000 compared with a loss of £2,422,000 the previous calendar year. — Reuter.

US INTERVENTION IN DISPUTE OVER SAAR AREA

Washington, Feb. 5.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, has written a personal letter to M. Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, reviewing Western relations with Germany.

The letter was seen here as a major move in United States efforts to smooth-out revived controversies between France and Germany over the position of the Saar and over European defence.

Washington officials said that talks here and in various European capitals on European defence, the structure of the European Army and the construction of agreements between the Western Powers are to conclude with Germany, had reached a crucial stage.

They deplored the injection into the final stage of the discussions of controversies over the Saar and Germany's relationship to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Official American policy is that the Western world should concentrate on building up the European defence system and getting German units into the European army and that controversial issues can be settled later.

It was expected here that the British, United States and French Foreign Ministers would devote their whole time to the German question when they meet before the North Atlantic

BONN DISCUSSIONS

Bonn, Feb. 5. Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, today met the Allied High Commissioners to discuss difficulties over West Germany's integration in the European army.

According to Allied sources, the High Commissioners asked him to explain remarks he was reported to have made yesterday that he would not initiate a European army treaty until German wishes were met.

Foreign observers, however, believed that this was the gist of Dr. Adenauer's remarks, even if his actual wording was more vague. Allied officials said that the meeting also intended to discuss the treaty system, which will replace the European Statute and give West Germany near-independence. — Reuter.

Hollywood Writer In Trouble

Washington, Feb. 5.

Sidney Buchman, movie writer and producer, was cited for contempt of Congress by the House today for refusing to testify before the Un-American Activities Committee. The roll call vote was 314 to 0.

The action of the House refers Buchman's case to the United States Attorney for prosecution. A jury conviction carries a maximum penalty of a year in jail and \$1,000 fine. Buchman was a top witness in the Committee's year-old investigation of Communist infiltration into the motion picture industry.

He admitted membership in the Communist party between 1938 and 1945, but refused to name his Communist associates at a Los Angeles hearing last Sept. 25.

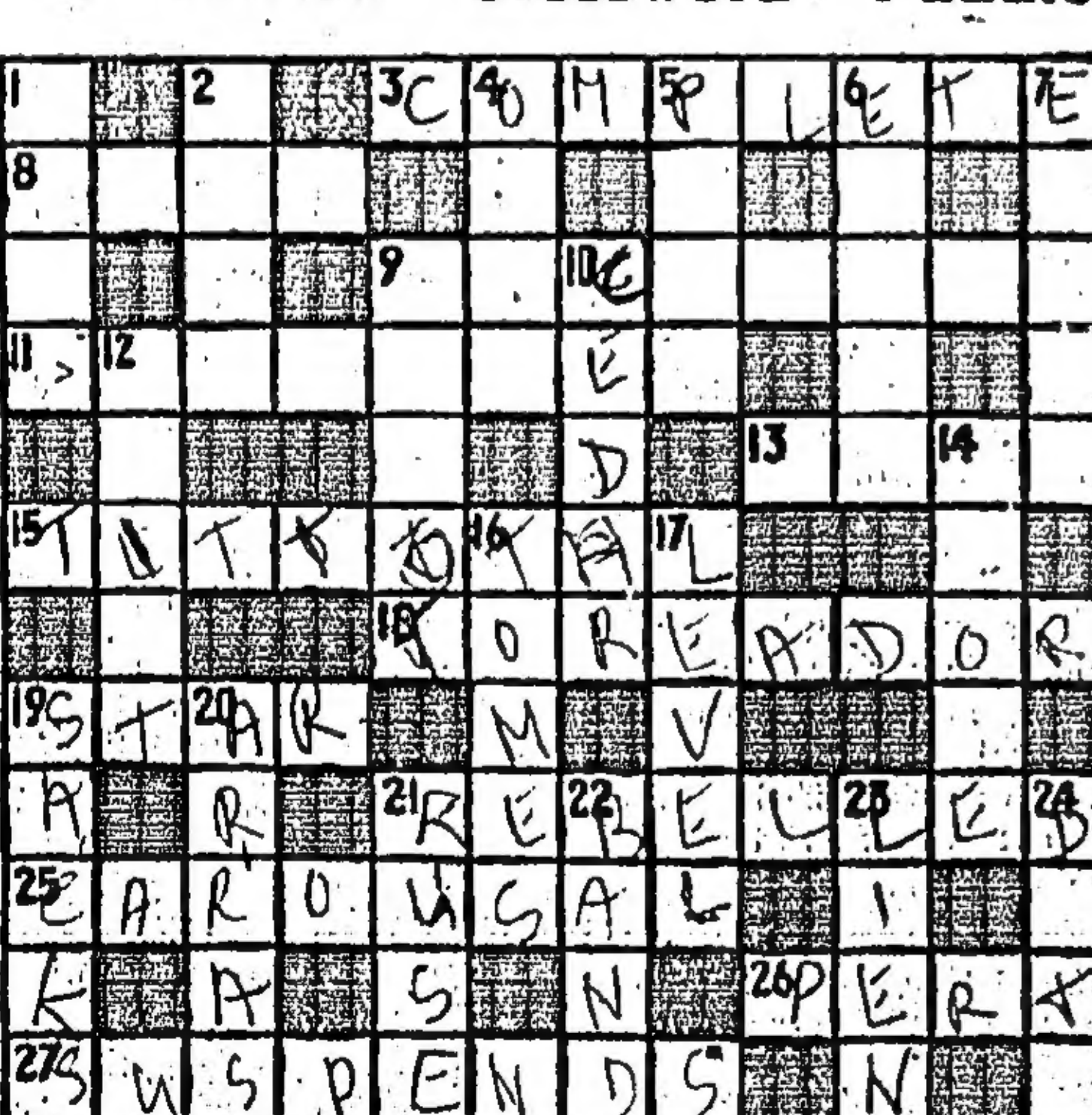
Subpoenaed to appear again before the Committee here last Jan. 25, Buchman this time failed to show up at all in what Rep. Walter (Democrat, Pennsylvania) told the House were the most outrageous contempt proceedings it is possible to conceive. — Associated Press.

Envoy's New Job

Washington, Feb. 5.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today approved the nomination of David K. E. Bruce, now Ambassador to France, to be Under-Secretary of State. — Associated Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Absolute (8).
 - 2 Victim (4).
 - 3 Dead (8).
 - 4 Made good (8).
 - 5 Liberate (4).
 - 6 Abstaining from alcohol (6).
 - 7 Bullfighter (8).
 - 8 Heavenly body (4).
 - 9 Multitude (8).
 - 10 Orny (8).
 - 11 Clever (4).
 - 12 Hange (8).
- DOWN**
- 1 Incentive (4).
 - 2 Pile (4).
 - 3 Heathland (4).
 - 4 Rancorous (4).
 - 5 Lucid (6).
 - 6 Tax (6).
 - 7 Small piece of turf (5).
 - 8 Tree (8).
 - 9 Oust (8).
 - 10 Call forth (5).
 - 11 Books (8).
 - 12 Horizontal (5).
 - 13 Dismisses (6).
 - 14 Tapestry (5).
 - 15 Trick (4).
 - 16 Company (4).
 - 17 Legal right (4).
 - 18 Moral obligation (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD — Across: 1 Turnip, 4 Packa, 7 Anecdote, 8 Castle, 9 Gospy, 11 Enclave, 13 Laurus, 15 Martyr, 18 Depot, 19 Insolent, 20 Rusty, 21 Survey, Down: 10 Wang, 2 Nicks, 3 Proper, 4 Frodo, 5 Constant, 6 Sphere, 10 Slipper, 12 Bonnets, 13 Letter, 14 Untidy, 16 Ruler, 17 Ratty.

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Tiff In Italian Parliament

Rome, Feb. 5.

The Christian Democrat deputy, Signor Giovanni Gronchi, resigned the presidency of the Italian Chamber of Deputies (the Lower House of Parliament) tonight.

The reason for his resignation was not immediately known but serious differences of opinion arose between Signor Gronchi and the Christian Democrat vice-president of the Chamber, Signor Giovanni Leone, last Friday.

Signor Gronchi gave his letter of resignation to the elder vice-president of the Chamber, Signor Gaetano Martino, a Liberal, immediately after today's session of the Chamber. — Reuter.

Fresh Evidence Of Medieval London

London, Feb. 5.

Excavations in World War II's bomb-ravaged historic mile-square City of London have thrown up fresh archaeological evidence of the ancient capital in Roman times.

The new discoveries—the result of excavations conducted by the London Roman and Medieval Excavation Committee—confirm and amplify discoveries made in 1950.

Sufficient excavations have now been made in the Cripplegate area to prove the existence of a fort built to command roads north and west while the province was still being conquered by the Romans. Dimensions and date of the fort have now been established. It covered an area of about 11 acres with an east to west width of 230 yards and a north to south length of 250 yards. It is calculated that the fort was built late in the first century A.D., and was surrounded by a ditch which was still open in the mid-second century. The fort was dismantled and the ditch filled in at a date estimated to be not long after the year 200.

Evidence of this was provided by coins found in the upper filling of the ditch belonging to the late second to early third century. Pottery was found in the ditch itself.

The latest excavations show three sections of the outer ditch of the fort, post holes for a bridge crossing the ditch at its southern end, an internal road and part of the gravel surface of a road from the north. Experts conclude that the ditch and bridge on the south side are from the southern gate of the fort; the road from it points direct to Cripplegate. The new discoveries indicate that the fort was built some time before the Roman Wall. Experts have placed the building on the wall at around 140 A.D. — United Press.

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She Was A 'Ball Of Fire'

From R. M. MacCOLL

Washington. I USE the term "ball of fire" with no slightest thought of disrespect in writing of Miss Anne Morgan, sister of the fabulous banker, J.P. who has just died at Mount Kisko, New York, aged 78.

I came across Miss Morgan several times in France at the start of the last war:

A woman of electric, sparkling energy, she was wearing the uniform of the American Relief For France organisation. Her black eyebrows contrasted with her white hair, topped off by a felt hat worn at rather a rakish angle.

But this was only one of some 50 philanthropic enterprises with which she was associated during her busy lifetime.

Once she told a women's gathering in New York: "I never had any creative ability—just a trudging capacity."

BILL BANGERT, of Berkeley City, Missouri, had just about everything. Extremely good looking, brainy, and well-proportioned, he was an outstanding football and athletics star at Missouri University.

But that adage about the gods and those they love came partly true. Bill is now nearly blind of a rare disease. But, showing that he has courage as well as everything else, Bill is competing in the national events of the one sport which he can still tackle—shot-putting.

THE CONGRESSMEN really snubbed poor Attorney-General Howard McGrath. It was bad enough deciding that they were going to investigate him and his Department.

But really rubbing it in, they kept him waiting in an ante-room for an hour or so and then refused to let him appear to state his case. This is the first time in the memory of the oldest hands in Congress that a Cabinet member has been so roughly treated.

HATS OFF to Mrs Otto Heppenheimer, of New York City. Celebrating her 100th birthday she came up with a welcome swiftness on the usual plattitudes. Quoth she: "I play Canasta. It's a new game. Very difficult. But I like it."

THERE AND BACK BY BROOMSTICK



ROBB presents a broomstick version of London's most famous stage satirist.

No. 1 nominee for Mistress of the Outspoken Word reports on getting home safely from Brightest Broadway to Not-so-Luminous London.

A TALE OF TWO CITIES... by HERMIONE GINGOLD

I HITCHED my broomstick to the back of the Queen Mary boat-train and off I flew to London. Town. Forty of my most intimate friends were standing on the platform at Waterloo waiting to greet me with open claws.

There was also a young man from the BBC, in official Portland-place uniform of bowler hat, rolled umbrella, and shiny blue overcoat. He invited me to appear that evening in "In Town Tonight," and before I could say "How much?" nipped in neatly with: "The BBC would like you to accept a spray of flowers."

(I wonder what they do with the flowers if the invitation is turned down?)

I was going to say: "I'd rather have the dollars"—one thing I've learned: dollars is money, only more so—but I remembered in time it's bad form to bring up the subject of money with the BBC.

BBC HUSH

BROADCASTING HOUSE, after the noise and nonsense of the NBC (I never found out what the letters stood for) seemed as lively as a mausoleum.

However, the sound of English voices fell easily on the ear.

In the studio were Herbert Wilcox and Anna Neagle. She looked very regal, and acted very graciously—all those films about illustrious ladies are bound to tell on a woman in the end.

On the journey from Portland-place to Knightsbridge in a 1914-model open car—which made the ride something like a retake of the chariot race in "Ben Hur"—I took a good look at London.

* National Broadcasting Corporation.

If you haven't seen London for nearly two years you notice that she's got a little slovenly. "Lady, your slip is showing," I thought.

London is like a wife; wonderful to come home to, but equally wonderful to get away from.

And therefore—here goes with the statement that I'm most likely to be very sorry I ever made: I could quite comfortably settle in New York for good and all.

The transition from city to city is, to me, quite painless because my friends are interchangeable. Theatres—the word I used in hunting circles to describe theatre people—keep on crossing the Atlantic like mad these days. I always find that in London I'm surrounded by Americans. In New York I'm head-of-the-English bloc.

Thus, with my social life so conveniently arranged, New York has much to offer in the way of creature comfort. And I'm old enough a creature to like comfort.

A STAMP

NEW YORK is so eager to be up and doing. Warmth, light (a beautiful blaze), service (at the touch of a switch)...everything is so easy to get. Everything except a postage stamp, that is.

I declare—a figure of speech I borrow from my coloured maid—that the best way to buy a stamp in New York is to book a room at an hotel and ask the head porter to post your letter for you. Cost of stamp then works out at around £10, inclusive of service charge.

London, bless it, does have post offices.

But look what New York has....

The Frick Museum, for example—one of the most attractive art collections in the world—where your surrender to culture is a little distracted by the fact that when you look away from the exhibits you see a man standing in the corner with a gun in his hand.

I wonder, before G man is employed...is there a formal board meeting of the directors of the gallery to determine the gun-worthiness or otherwise of their treasures?

But yes, indeed—look what New York has.... The beguiling notices in Central Park which say simply: "THESE LAWNES FOR PASSIVE USE ONLY"....

The radio announcer who starts off the day so encouragingly with his advice: "Ladies, don't throw away your old diamonds."....

A law of libel so sleepy and a sense of publicity so alert that my lawyer there said, apropos some printed comments which were pure vitriol: "Miss Gingold, the thing that matters is they've spelled your name right."

ALAS!

BACK in London I walked down Bond-street and was horrified to see young women in slacks, men in duffle coats and plain shirts. My mother would have died at the sight. I remember, her saying to me: "Hermione, there is a small stain on one of your white gloves. You'd better change them if you're going to walk down Bond-street."

Suddenly I realise I am perhaps too often living in the

past. Even the theatre was more glamorous "in the past." I think. In New York Lillian Gish and I were swapping stage experiences. We've both been stranded by bogus managers, changed in unspeakable dressing-rooms and all the rest—but loved every moment of it (well, nearly every moment).

Yet just before I left England (I told Lillian) I ran in to some chorus girls who were picketing the Empire Theatre in Leicester-square.

I was horrified. I stopped and said: "Girls, do you think Sarah Bernhardt would have done this sort of thing? You're rogues and vagabonds, not trades-union pickets."

AFTER HOURS

UNION hours! Now there's a thing.... First day I was back a friend, dressed from head to foot in black, called to tell me some flowers (I'm rather worried about those flowers, now I come to think of it).

She said she'd just been to a cremation. It was a Saturday. The service finished and the relatives were waiting for the ashes to be taken somewhere and scattered to the winds in accordance with instructions left by the dear departed.

Then the gentleman in charge announced: "No use waiting. Can't scatter the ashes now. It's my half-day. You'll have to come back...."

"Come back!" said an astonished relative.

"Yes. We'll scatter 'em on Monday."

PRAWN-HAT

THE unexpected happens in America, too, especially in Florida. Miami is a trick done with mirrors.

Madam flings a mink coat over her swim-suit to go shopping. Madam must not be surprised if, while she is gazing in the jeweller's window-trying to make up her tiny mind whether she shall buy a ruby or a diamond collar for her poodle, a coconut falls on her head and knocks her half-conscious.

Western civilisation and the jungle have met and married in Miami—and the coconuts falling off the trees to bludgeon the millionaires are there just to remind you that the jungle wears the pants.

Not to be outdone I went to a cocktail party there in a hot trimmed with prawns. The only comment it caused was, "Honey, that's just peachy keen, but lobsters would have suited you better."

There's one bit of unfinished business I would have liked to settle before I left.

It would have been most satisfying to have taken Dorothy Parker to lunch and asked her to supply me with a hand-grenade full of cranks for use at my next meeting with Gertrude Lawrence.

I owe Gertrude (she hates being called that) a backhander. I saw her in New York and said: "Darling, isn't it hot tonight?" She said: "Yes, dear. How lucky you are NOT to be working."

FINALLY

DID I make any impression on America? Well, when I arrived in the States the frenzied worship of youth was the order of the day.

I was there only two years—and look what happened. The Adoration of the Granny—from Grandma Moses (who started painting at 78), to Marlene—is now the craze.

On my next trip I hope to start the cult of the great-grandmother with a grand leading the parade of prehistoric pin-ups.

And now I'm home I find I miss very dearly my coloured maid Mabel who looked after all me as if I were an idiot child and she was a ma. I miss her. I always felt we were acting in a scene from "Gone with the Wind," and we cried a good deal when we said goodbye.

I have engaged a man-servant straight from a palace in Venice. I am wondering if I shall be able to live up to him.

Also two policemen called on me to pay their respects to the "most burgled actress in London."

They said: "We read you were back from America, and we just wanted to make sure that everything was all right."

I think London policemen are wonderful.

Conscience Money

By J. W. TAYLOR

REMITTED to the Chancellor of the Exchequer by Sundry Persons for Conscience Sake. These words occur in the national accounts each year, and beneath them are entered sums of money varying in amount but totalling up to several thousands of pounds.

Most of the anonymous donors of conscience money use pen-names to accompany their contributions to the national funds. There are those with the religious flavour such as "Saved by Grace," "Repentant Sinner" and "Scout the Light." Others are somewhat humorous or defiant, while a few use such expressions as "Don't forget this" or "Due in my favour," as if to hint of insuring themselves against the penalties of the law should they be found out.

In addition to this anonymity, there are those who take great pains to preserve their identity. There was one man who would not risk detection by sending either notes or cash. He sent the Exchequer a parcel of two gold bars. The largest single amount of conscience money received by the Treasury in recent years was the £10,000 paid in by "YZ" in 1938.

Although conscience money is usually associated with unpaid taxes, it is also widely paid to private firms by some contrite customers, such as people who have defrauded railways, hoteliers, or shopkeepers, besides those who have damaged property or stolen some.

Not long ago the Leeds Transport Department received £20 from an unknown "customer" who confessed to having stolen money from the fire boxes of the old horse buses using the streets some 50 years previously. London Transport's most recent repentant was a schoolboy who sent five shillings in payment for a lamp he had broken in a fight with another boy.

A well-known Saville Row tailor recently received a cheque for a suit the sender intimated had been "purchased during the war." The amount was absurdly low and puzzled the tailor, until he searched his books and found that the suit was made during the 1914 war.

Conscience, amongst public servants could hardly be so high as that of the nineteenth century official, Thomas Grenville. Having been shipwrecked whilst on Government service he was given a sinecure post worth £2,000 a year. He held it for 20 years, but felt so much that he had not properly earned his salary that he willed his library valued at thousands of pounds to the British Museum.

Sitting on the Fence....by

Ninety-year-old Julius Bonkowski, sued for divorce in Milwaukee, U.S., was accused by his wife of "running around with another woman."

WHERE you been, Julius?
Me? Oh, Out, I guess.

By yourself, Julius?
Why, no. Not exactly. That woman again, Julius?

How did you know?
When a man who has smelled of rye and tobacco for 60 years comes home smelling of eau-de-Cologne, there's sump'n up. What's she got that I ain't got?

Well, for a start, she's a bit younger.
How much, Julius?
She won't be 60 till March 1. So you know her birthday?

Certainly do. Buying her a beauty box.
Is she slim?
No. She's ridin 150 pounds and stands about ten or 11 hands, I guess.

Grey hair?
Sure thing. But it's the kinda grey that gets a guy. Silvery streaks, like the old grey make.

Glasses?
She was born to wear glasses. The cute way she wears them when readin. Right on the tip of her little nose. Boy, oh boy.

What else she got, Julius?
Why, everything. Oomph. It and Zing. Yeah. Zing. That's what she's got. Probably got rheumatism, too.

Aw, don't talk that way, honey. Maybe that grey hair's a wig. Don't tell me you're jealous. What's more, you'd better take her to a dance to see if

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

he's got a wooden leg.
Can't a guy have a girl friend without all this beeping?
Yeah. A guy can. A guy can have a girl friend with Oomph and rheumatism, with it and a wig, with Zing, and a wooden leg. That's what a guy can have, and keep it.

Greet the spring
"...can give ladies treatment in facial massage to restore contour and freshness in time to greet the spring."—Advertisement.

OUR fingers, light like angels' feet shall softly tread the ways
That run like roads across a map that once knew better days.
The rugged paths shall straighten out before the May birds sing
In time to greet the spring, my dear, in time to greet the spring.

In time to greet the spring, my dear, in time to greet the spring.
Shall heal the weary, haggard face that took a thousand slips
Of cocktails white, and cocktails green, of gin and whisky sling
In time to greet the spring, my dear, in time to greet the spring.

You shall not fear the stranger light, the cleansing April shower.
You shall not blush for shame to see the first bright spring flower.
Our magic fingers to your

cheeks a borrowed blush shall bring
In time to greet the spring, my dear, in time to greet the spring.
In time to greet the spring, my dear, to greet the morning sun.
When all the world is seventeen and you look ninety-one.
But, oh, the years shall roll away with cream and massage—log
In time to greet the spring, my dear, in time to greet the spring.

Know your friends
CAN you tell character by the face? If not, here are some hints on the matter by that well-known physiognomist, N. Gubbins, Esq.

A large, beaky nose, with a bump in the middle, does not always indicate that the owner is of aristocratic origin, but merely that somebody has cracked him on the nose for poking his long snout into business which does not concern him.

When combined with long, flapping ears, this revolting person probably listens at key-holes as well.

People with long noses like antlers and small eyes set close together like currents in a bun are so mean that they wouldn't waste enough petrol to offer you a lift if they owned all the oil wells in Texas.

People with crafty eyes have cunning minds; people with leering eyes have dirty minds. People with vacant eyes have no minds at all.

People with wide-open, slanting eyes, which appear to revolve, are usually insane.

If they also have small, cold noses they may be insane poling; if combined with long noses, hairy pointed ears and long tongues, insane antlers; if the eyes are also big and prominent, insane cows.

But if you see somebody with popping eyes and flapping ears listening at a keyhole, it will only be a gossip columnist doing his normal work.

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Secretary.

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Draft programmes and Entry Forms for the 4th Race Meeting 1952 to be held on Saturday, 16th February, 1952, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 7th February, 1952.

By Order,
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Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and the Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11.00 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate. BOOKMAKERS, TIC-TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' hands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,
H. MISA,
Secretary.

John Macadam's Column

WINTERBOTTOM HAS THE RIGHT IDEA

It is for these many years since we first called attention to the claim of a very famous football coach indeed that there was no training of modern first-class footballers. "They think they know it all," he said, "and most of them are bad subjects."

It is a fact that the first thing a coach has to break down is this "What's he know about it?" attitude. Mostly, they feel that the game is different from the time the coach was playing.

They are right there. The game is different, but the essentials are the same as when it was played with the dubious aid of battleaxes in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. You have seen well-placed players blinding a ball past or over the goal and taking that split-second too long to get it under control from a pass and get on with the game. They are good players, but they are improperly coached and trained players.

England team manager Walter Winterbottom's book, "Soccer Coaching" (Malden Press, 12s. 6d.), is not specifically aimed at the primary—but the fact is that there are a great number of full-time professionals who can get a lot out of it.

He has taken a couple of years to write it, although the coaching experience embodied in it goes back over a considerable number of years in the business.

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Essentially, it is a coach's book with the emphasis not on the teaching of anything new to

established players, but to the coaching of the young idea, and at the same time, helping the established pro. to improve his technique.

To us, it is a complete vindication of all Winterbottom has ever stood for in the Soccer hierarchy. The hope is that he will follow it up with a work dedicated more directly to the senior players. A larger number of them than you think need it. Need this scientific approach to their work, the application of the British player to the planned technique of the Continentals.

Winterbottom's major insistence is on ball-play in training. The players should develop their technique with the ball instead of lapping without it, just as a billiards player keeps his hand in at the billiards table—and not just walking around it either.

DAYS TOUCH

It was only the other day that we met Joe Davis, king of the snooker players, at lunch. He mentioned that he had that morning put in some three hours on his home table. "If I leave practice out for a couple of days," he said, "it takes me the best part of a week to get back to peak form."

So, says Winterbottom, it is with football players, and he goes on to demonstrate it to this great satisfaction. It is all here—the strategy and the tactics of the game, the kicking, tackling, and dribbling, and the best methods of coaching.

We hear that Russian Spear, one of the best of the younger English players, contemplates putting this year's Cup Final on canvas. Frith did it with Epsom on Derby Day. Why not Spear with Wembley?

Draw For The Colony Tennis Championships

Given below is the complete draw for the Colony Open Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships, the first games in which are scheduled to be played on Tuesday, February 12. Competitors are requested to note that matches are to start as near to 5 p.m. each day as possible. Any player not appearing on the Court by 5.30 p.m. will default.

The best of three sets will be played until the semi-final and final rounds, which will be the best of five sets.

Umpires and balls will be provided. In case the ground is closed for play, all fixtures will go back until play is resumed.

Fixtures for the first week will be published on Thursday and competitors are also requested to hold themselves available for the whole of the first week.

MEN'S OPEN SINGLES

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"SOOCHOW"	Bangkok	5 p.m.	11th Feb.
"HUPEI"	Tientsin	10 a.m.	13th Feb.
"POYANG"	Keelung	Noon	13th Feb.
"SINKUANG"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	5 p.m.	16th Feb.
"YCHOW"	Yokohama	5 p.m.	17th Feb.
"POYANG"	Saka & Kobe	5 p.m.	17th Feb.
"POYANG"	Djakarta & Sourabaya	10 a.m.	22nd Feb.
"FUKING"	Bangkok	10 a.m.	24th Feb.

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ARRIVALS FROM			
"SOOCHOW"	Kobe	9th Feb.	
"HUPEI"	Tientsin	9th Feb.	
"FUKING"	Singapore	11th Feb.	
"POYANG"	Keelung	n.m.	11/12th Feb.
"PAKHOT"	Singapore	15/16th Feb.	
"YCHOW"	Singapore	16/17th Feb.	

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"TAIYUAN"	Kure, Yokkaichi, Nagoya, Yokohama, Kobe & Moji	12th Feb.	
"CHANGTE"	Sydney & Melbourne	18th Feb.	
"CHANGSHA"	Kure, Yokkaichi, Nagoya, Kobe, Yokohama & Shimizu	20th Feb.	
"TAIPING"	Japan	4th Mar.	
"TAIYUAN"	Sydney	11th Mar.	

ARRIVALS FROM

"TAIYUAN"	Australia & Manila	8th Feb.
"CHANGSHA"	Australia	8th Feb.
"CHANGTE"	Kobe	15th Feb.
"TAIPING"	Australia & Manila	20th Feb.
"TAIYUAN"	Moji	8th Mar.

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"PYRRHUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	Noon	6th Feb.
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"CYCLOPS"	Casablanca, Dublin & Liverpool	25th Feb.	
"PELEUS"	Marseilles, Liverpool & Glasgow	6th Mar.	

Scheduled sailings from Europe

Ship	From	Arrives
"ANTILLOCHUS"	Sailed	14th Feb.
"PELEUS"	Sailed	17th Feb.
"ANTILLOCHUS"	Sailed	22nd Feb.
"PELEUS"	Sailed	25th Feb.
"ANTILLOCHUS"	Sailed	1st Mar.
"PELEUS"	Sailed	4th Mar.
"ANTILLOCHUS"	Sailed	11th Mar.
"PELEUS"	Sailed	14th Mar.
"ANTILLOCHUS"	Sailed	18th Mar.
"PELEUS"	Sailed	21st Mar.
"ANTILLOCHUS"	Sailed	24th Mar.
"PELEUS"	Sailed	27th Mar.
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"BENVENUE"	Japan	27th Feb.	
"BENATTOW"	U.K. via Singapore	18th Mar.	
"BENLEDI"	U.K. via Singapore	30th Mar.	
"BENORUACHAN"	Japan	20th Apr.	

SAILINGS			
SHIPS	TO	DUE	
"BENAVON"	Kure, Yokohama & Kobe	24th Feb.	
"BENVENUE"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Glasgow, Dublin & Hull	27th Feb.	
"BENATTOW"	Avonmouth, London & Hamburg	23rd Mar.	
"BENLEDI"	Kure, Yokohama & Kobe	4th Apr.	
"BENORUACHAN"	Direct to Singapore, thence London, Antwerp & Hull	20th Apr.	
"BENLEDI"	Direct to Singapore, thence Liverpool, Glasgow & Hamburg	1st May	

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US Helps Anti-Red Movements

Washington, Feb. 6. The United States is pushing ahead with "psychological warfare" programmes to help underground movements in Communist-ruled nations according to Representative Charles Kersten.

The Wisconsin Republican told a news conference that a project is under way to spend tens of millions of dollars and the Government has already advanced pretty far in one phase of the plan.

Mr Kersten was not at liberty to reveal the details of the plan. They are secret, he said, and must remain secret.

"The Government should abandon its containment policy," Mr Kersten said, "and join hands with the victims of Communist oppression."

He called on the nation to develop a "policy of liberation for Communist-enslaved peoples."—United Press.

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UTILITY SCHEME IN BRITAIN TO COME TO END

London, Feb. 5.

The Utility scheme, first introduced in September 1941, is coming to an end. A Government announcement is expected just before or at the time of the Budget.

Since Utilities are at present exempt from purchase tax, Mr R. A. Butler, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is now considering an alternative method for keeping the goods tax-free.

It is believed that this will mean the fixing of price levels for all goods concerned at and below which no purchase tax will be payable and above which the full rates will apply. The familiar Utility markings will then disappear, and makers will be free to produce goods of any quality or price as best suits their trade.

Articles now covered by the Utility scheme include clothing, garments, footwear, household and furnishing textiles, furniture, and bedding. Determination of the price levels is already being made by the Board of Trade as part of their plan to abolish price control by the percentage system. A further list of articles of clothing to which this change is to apply will be issued before the end of this week.

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Manufacturers and others concerned have for some months been urging the abolition of the Utility scheme. One of their objections is that the specifications issued by the Board of Trade of what really constitute Utilities have become so difficult in production that the scheme is already almost unworkable. In some cases, such as footwear, it has already become almost dead. The serious effect it has had in hampering production for export may be the decisive factor in influencing the Government decision.

A Committee of Inquiry, under Sir William Douglas, appointed last August to consider the

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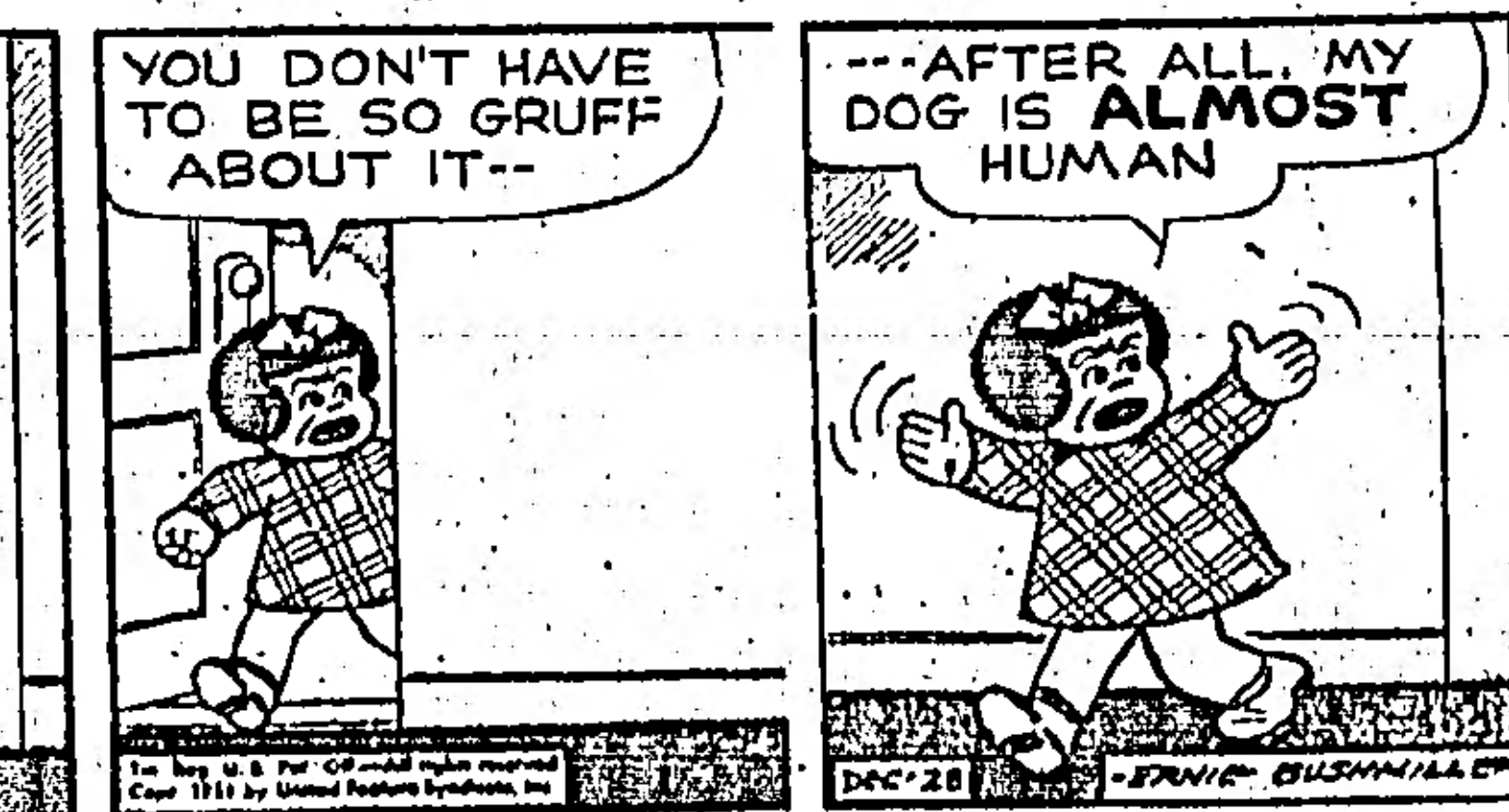
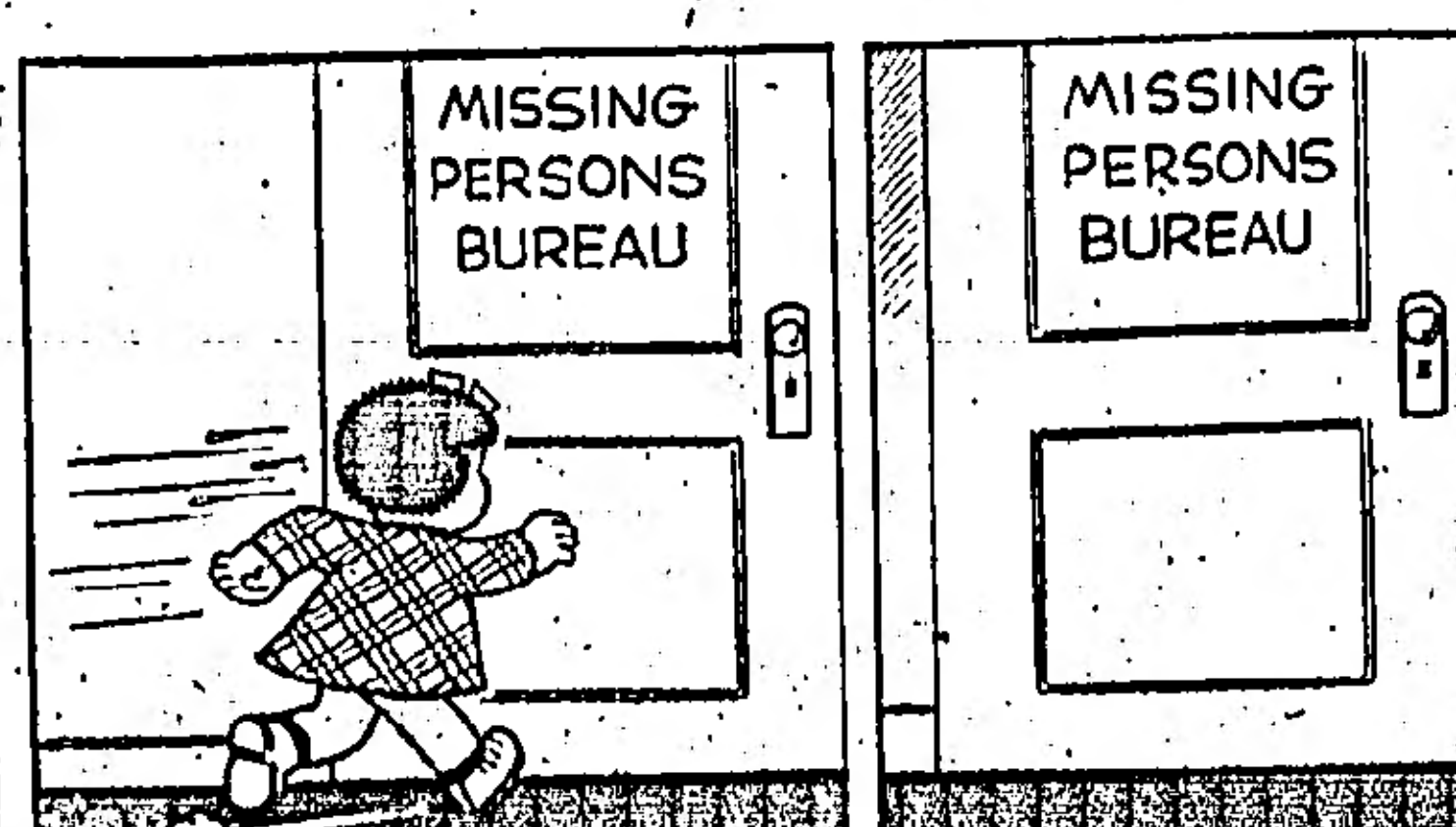
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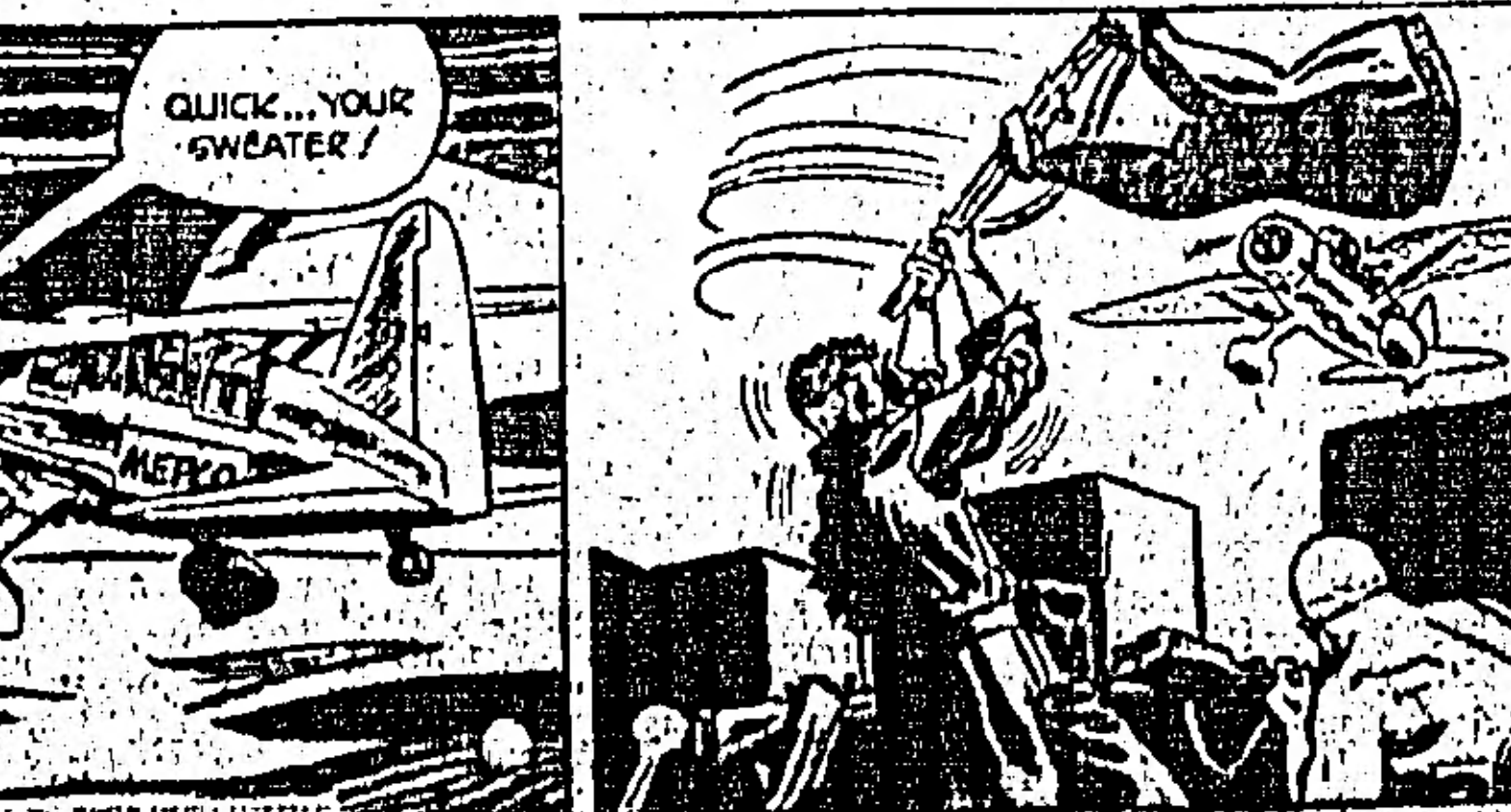


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"CORFU"	7th February	10th March
"CANTON"	6th March	7th April

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.

Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CARTIAGE"	15th February	17th March
"CHUSAN"	22nd February	22nd March
"CORFU"	14th March	14th April
"CANTON"	11th April	12th May

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